

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

DIRECT OVERSEA TRADE, 1938-39.

The details of the State's Direct Oversea trade for the month of June having been received from the Commonwealth Statistician, the Government Statist has now completed the grand totals for the year 1938-39 and issues the following brief review.

BALANCE OF DIRECT OVERSEA TRADE. The favourable balance of direct oversea trade is estimated at £6,009,000 (£7,772,000) in British Currency Values or at £7,511,000 (£9,715,000) in Australian Currency. Although there was a big decrease in the value of imports and record quantities for many exports, these factors were more than offset by the lower prices recorded for most of our staple products shipped overseas, particularly wheat, barley and flour, resulting in the less favourable trade balance.

EXPORTS. (Australian Currency Values) totalled £14,822,329 (£19,057,243) a decrease of £4,234,914 or 22½ per cent, averaging per inhabitant £24.18.2 (£32.5.3). The value of exports in British Currency was estimated at £11,858,000 (£15,246,000).

EXPORTS - QUANTITIES AND RECORDED EXPORT VALUES PER UNIT. The 20 items in the following table represent nearly 97% of the Grand Total Value of Exports for each of the years 1938-39 and 1937-38, and from the table may be seen the principal increases or decreases as regards both quantities and unit values.

Product	Unit	Quantities		Value per unit			
		1937-38	1938-39	1937-38		1938-39	
Breadstuffs.				s.	d.	s.	d.
Wheat	Bush.	28,805,592	18,929,427	4	4½	2	7¾
Flour	ton	68,231	86,622	181	0	115	0
Barley	Bush.	(a) 4,390,374	2,248,212	3	4¾	2	5¾
Pastoral & Dairying.							
Lamb	lb.	12,450,737	(a) 22,495,209	0	7	0	7½
Pork	lb.	991,863	466,469	0	7¼	0	8¼
Rabbits, &c.	pair	621,192	(a) 1,080,462	0	10½	0	11¼
Wool - Greasy	lb.	54,139,551	(a) 71,227,409	1	0½	0	10
Scoured	lb.	5,136,465	(a) 7,024,475	1	10¼	1	5¼
Tops, Noils &c.	lb.	170,128	(a) 656,825	2	4¾	2	2¼
Sheepskins	No.	1,286,807	1,680,983	5	5	3	5¼
Cheese	lb.	10,109,467	(a) 12,907,683	0	7	0	7
Eggs in shell	doz.	1,225,550	1,395,540	1	1½	1	1
Vineyards & Orchards.							
Wine	gall.	3,478,450	3,480,781	4	11¼	5	3½
Dried Fruits	lb.	41,174,150	(a) 45,185,878	0	4¾	0	4¾
Apples	case	788,852	315,048	4	10	5	11½
Mining.							
Lead	cwt.	2,057,624	1,994,054	19	4¼	18	6¼
Zinc concentrates	cwt.	2,903,087	3,814,170	3	4¾	1	10¾
Silver	oz.	8,693,292	8,983,441	2	2	2	0½
Salt	cwt.	264,382	(a) 339,782	1	6½	1	10¾
Iron ore	ton	167,915	121,129	11	4¾	12	9¼

(a) RECORD QUANTITIES OF THESE PRODUCTS WERE EXPORTED FOR THE YEARS SHOWN.

RECORDED UNIT VALUES OF EXPORTS. The average prices computed from the recorded export values of the principal commodities reveal that the average prices for the following items were higher than in 1937-38:-
Lamb, Pork, Rabbits, Wine, Apples, Salt and Iron Ore. Lower prices were received for Wheat, Flour, Barley, Lead, Wool, Zinc concentrates, Silver, Sheepskins and Eggs in shell.

IMPORTS (British Currency Values) totalled £5,849,142 (£7,473,802) a decrease of £1,624,660 or 21¾ per cent. The value of imports in Australian Currency was approximately £7,311,000 (£9,342,000) and averaged £12.5.8 (£15.16.3) per inhabitant.

SUMMARY OF EXPORTS.

Particulars	1937-38	1938-39	Increase	Decrease
	£	£	£	£
BREADSTUFFS.				
Wheat	6,306,741	2,501,113	-	3,805,628
Barley	746,661	279,311	-	467,350
Flour	617,446	498,004	-	119,442
All Other	48,626	77,211	28,585	-
Total	7,719,474	3,355,639	-	4,363,835
% to Grand Total	40.50	22.64	-	-
PASTORAL & DAIRYING.				
Butter	496,326	391,663	-	104,663
Cheese	294,136	372,776	78,640	-
Condensed Milk	22,628	26,715	4,087	-
Eggs (shell & pulp)	76,470	99,098	22,628	-
Lamb	367,078	697,740	330,662	-
Pork	29,633	16,123	-	13,510
Rabbits, &c.	27,061	52,632	25,571	-
Skins & Hides	405,881	328,507	-	77,374
Tallow	30,874	42,067	11,193	-
Wool-Greasy & Scoured	3,267,842	3,473,134	205,292	-
Tops, Noils, &c.	20,397	73,048	52,651	-
All Other	64,559	75,607	11,048	-
Total	5,102,885	5,649,110	546,225	-
% to Grand Total	26.78	38.11	-	-
ORCHARDS & VINEYARDS.				
Fruits-Dried	823,024	877,736	54,712	-
Fresh & Preserved	314,259	184,151	-	130,108
Wines	857,291	920,470	63,179	-
All Other	3,796	727	-	3,069
Total	1,998,370	1,983,084	-	15,286
% to Grand Total	10.49	13.38	-	-
MINING.				
Concentrates	684,856	560,004	-	124,852
Lead	1,992,168	1,846,630	-	145,538
Salt	20,410	32,341	11,931	-
Silver	946,221	920,114	-	26,107
Ores-Iron	95,618	77,337	-	18,281
Wolfram	103,024	62,982	-	40,042
All Other	102,130	52,902	-	49,228
Total	3,944,427	3,552,310	-	392,117
% to Grand Total	20.70	23.97	-	-
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Brandy	97,369	79,646	-	17,723
Gums	18,006	13,174	-	4,832
Sandalwood	12,952	4,568	-	8,384
Scrap Metal	42,039	55,303	13,264	-
All Other	121,721	129,495	7,774	-
Total	292,087	282,186	-	9,901
% to Grand Total	1.53	1.90	-	-
GRAND TOTAL	19,057,243	14,822,329	-	4,234,914

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APPAREL AND ATTIRE £74,326 (£78,970); CORN AND FLOUR SACKS 882,268 (1,079,825) dozen, value £205,555 (£263,965); WOOL PACKS 58,425 (29,819) dozen, value £46,676 (£27,175).

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS N.E.I. £199,030 (£239,569); FERTILIZERS (ROCK PHOSPHATES) 153,516 (144,393) tons, value £138,981 (£131,000); FISH (ALL KINDS) £75,382 (£69,409); GLASS AND GLASSWARE £97,658 (£112,745).

METAL AND METAL MANUFACTURES £1,962,084 (£2,952,744). The principal items in this group were MACHINES AND MACHINERY £912,006 (£1,111,567); IRON AND STEEL £311,174 (£794,299); MOTOR CHASSIS No. 2,832 (4,001) value £245,484 (£374,673); and OTHER VEHICLES £184,360 (£225,404).

OILS IN BULK £807,900 (£937,011), covering KEROSENE 6,343,469 (9,198,876) gallons, £66,751 (£124,132); PETROLEUM SPIRIT 33,359,622 (34,056,786) gallons, £495,219 (£562,893); LUBRICATING 1,369,491 (1,966,897) gallons.

COLOURS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES £22,330 (£16,841); PAPER £234,798 (£224,787) - this line includes printing paper 13,679 (9,288) tons; RUBBER MANUFACTURES £10,457 (£9,152); STATIONERY, BOOKS, &C. £147,968 (£131,959); TEA 2,324,183 (2,336,908) lbs., £108,425 (£113,900); TEXTILES-PIECEGOODS, &C. £600,050 (£733,714).

TIMBER £294,297 (£526,309) - dressed 655,802 (4,061,850) super feet, undressed 60,151,748 (92,026,729) super feet; WHISKY 16,720 (20,022) gallons, £19,660 (£21,645); BITUMEN 11732 (29,621) tons, £37,313 (£35,578).

TOBACCO, CIGARS, &C. £4,759 (£3,595); EARTHENWARE, CHINA, &C. £38,346 (£40,087); FANCY GOODS £28,010 (£28,325); COCOA, COFFEE AND CHICORY £15,227 (£12,832); JEWELLERY AND TIMEPIECES £23,909 (£22,985).

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE NET REVENUE.

	1937-38	1938-39	Increase
	£	£	£
Customs - Primage	313,365	264,083	- 49,282
Other	2,003,545	1,818,944	- 184,601
Excise	834,026	1,134,695	300,669
TOTAL	3,150,936	3,217,722	66,786

For the year 1938-39 the net revenue from Customs and Excise duties was £3,217,722 (£3,150,936) an increase of £66,786. Of this total sum 37 (25) per cent was collected from the lines Ale, Beer, Spirits, Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes, viz. £1,190,924 (£887,246). The total Customs duties amounted to £2,083,027 (£2,316,910) of which Primage accounted for £264,083 (£313,365), and Excise duties £1,134,695 (£834,026).

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STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA - OVERSEA EXPORTS (DIRECT).

Principal Articles EXPORTED JUNE and years ended 30th JUNE 1938 and 1939.

Australian Currency Values.
Return No. 1.

ARTICLE EXPORTED		Unit of Quant.	June		Years ended 30th June	
			1938	1939	1938	1939
Q U A N T I T I E S.						
Bullion - Silver	oz.	270,182	979,815	8,693,292	8,983,441	
Butter	lb.	262,256	402,696	8,809,153	7,379,964	
Cheese	lb.	825,950	869,153	10,109,467	12,907,683	
Concentrates	cwt.	315,067	358,416	3,171,943	4,109,190	
Copper in matte	cwt.	7	-	37,471	21,207	
Eggs in shell	doz.	-	-	1,225,550	1,395,540	
Fruits, Dried-Currants	lb.	871,108	1,403,592	13,971,691	19,588,928	
Raisins	lb.	1,617,250	2,442,744	24,536,175	23,104,801	
Other	lb.	574,660	242,573	2,666,284	2,492,149	
Fresh-Apples	case	32,565	5,893	788,852	315,048	
Preserved	lb.	548,708	608,955	2,941,994	2,363,840	
Grain - Wheat	bush.	3,069,060	1,061,602	28,805,592	18,929,427	
Barley	bush.	222,687	79,002	4,390,374	2,248,212	
Flour	ton	7,948	12,482	68,231	86,622	
Iron ore	ton	20,343	-	167,915	121,129	
Lead (pig & in matte)	cwt.	150,192	80,039	2,057,624	1,994,054	
Meat (Lamb)	carc.	8,428	-	376,893	667,248	
Sandalwood	cwt.	-	-	8,636	3,045	
Tallow	cwt.	121	1,917	25,990	52,830	
Wine	gall.	167,388	214,518	3,478,450	3,480,781	
Wool - Greasy	lb.	3,445,048	3,848,641	54,139,551	71,227,409	
Scoured	lb.	498,529	449,405	5,136,465	7,024,475	
V A L U E S.						
Bullion - Silver	£	26,321	100,252	946,221	920,114	
Gold Specie	£	-	-	-	-	
Butter	£	14,893	20,537	496,326	391,663	
Cheese	£	22,694	23,577	294,136	372,776	
Concentrates	£	40,906	47,322	684,856	560,004	
Copper in matte	£	-	-	31,651	14,683	
Eggs - In shell	£	-	-	68,441	75,913	
Not in shell	£	2,310	-	8,029	23,183	
Fruits, Dried-Currants	£	20,688	34,328	263,661	372,123	
Raisins	£	29,052	25,275	466,889	415,076	
Other	£	19,986	8,263	92,474	90,537	
Fresh-Apples	£	10,429	1,862	190,973	93,611	
Other	£	38,784	10,517	78,621	48,446	
Preserved	£	8,590	12,319	44,665	42,094	
Grain - Wheat	£	536,663	133,872	6,306,741	2,501,113	
Barley	£	41,618	10,108	746,661	279,311	
Flour	£	59,842	69,903	617,446	498,004	
Iron ore	£	11,674	-	95,618	77,337	
Lead (pig & in matte)	£	126,255	71,598	1,992,168	1,846,630	
Meat (Lamb)	£	7,375	-	367,078	697,740	
All Other	£	6,590	11,282	100,421	131,947	
Sandalwood	£	-	-	12,952	4,568	
Skins & Hides	£	24,450	21,621	405,881	328,507	
Tallow	£	135	1,391	30,874	42,067	
Wine	£	43,114	52,557	857,291	920,470	
Wool - Greasy	£	135,956	147,385	2,793,611	2,965,268	
Scoured	£	39,089	34,108	474,231	507,866	
All Other	£	41,169	42,519	589,327	601,274	
TOTAL VALUE EXPORTS	£	1,308,583	880,596	19,057,243	14,822,329	
DECREASE	£	-	427,987	-	4,234,914	
Estimated in British Currency at approx.	£	1,047,000	704,000	15,246,000	11,858,000	

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA - OVERSEA IMPORTS (DIRECT).

Principal Articles IMPORTED JUNE and years ended 30th JUNE 1938 and 1939.

British Currency Values.

Return No. 2.

ARTICLE IMPORTED	JUNE		Years ended 30th JUNE	
	1938 £	1939 £	1938 £	1939 £
Ale and Beer	308	278	4,901	5,108
Apparel and Attire	3,111	4,707	78,970	74,326
Arms, Ammunition, Explosives	1,081	1,677	18,068	13,509
Bags, Sacks, etc.	6,362	16,405	300,072	274,076
Coal	-	-	-	15,403
Cocoa, Coffee and Chicory	1,107	1,020	12,832	15,227
Colours, Paints, Varnishes	1,241	10,824	16,841	22,330
Cordage and Twines	166	194	1,608	1,939
Drugs, Chemicals, etc.n.e.i.	20,802	16,314	239,569	199,030
Earthenware, China, etc.	2,739	2,501	40,087	38,346
Fancy Goods	1,896	1,393	28,325	28,010
Fertilisers (Phosphates)	17,075	14,577	131,000	138,981
Fibres	2,190	1,995	39,118	37,738
Fish (all kinds)	3,537	2,746	69,409	75,382
Glass & Glassware	1,240	6,514	112,745	97,658
Gums & Resins	1,246	1,566	12,697	11,511
Instruments - Musical	238	177	7,418	5,514
Scientific	2,995	3,669	47,442	47,563
Jewellery & Timepieces	1,922	1,561	22,985	23,909
Leather & Leather Manufactures	990	1,500	5,944	7,335
Matches and Vestas	172	-	1,410	172
Metal Manufactures (total)	(230,138)	(104,006)	(2,952,744)	(1,962,084)
Machines & Machinery	94,610	49,297	1,111,567	912,006
Iron & Steel	47,125	7,474	794,299	311,174
Cutlery & Platedware	3,696	3,126	39,056	37,920
Tools of Trade	8,692	4,993	99,570	66,982
Vehicles (total)	(49,318)	(24,663)	(600,077)	(429,844)
Motor Bodies and parts	415	549	23,292	18,016
" Chassis " "	37,254	14,971	384,698	267,148
" Cycle, Sidecars, etc.	8,201	6,264	107,195	69,759
All Other	3,448	2,879	84,892	74,921
Other Metal Manufactures	26,697	14,453	308,175	204,158
Oils in Bulk - Petrol, etc.	55,948	14,833	562,893	495,219
Kerosene	10,448	2,452	124,132	66,751
Other	28,968	40,477	249,986	245,930
Paper	21,039	46,038	224,787	234,798
Rubber and Rubber Goods	377	659	9,152	10,457
Spirits - Whisky	12,426	2,731	21,645	19,660
All Other	170	61	2,035	2,467
Stationery, Books, etc.	8,109	31,483	131,959	147,968
Tea	12,426	8,661	113,900	108,425
Textiles, Piecegoods, etc.	48,737	46,556	733,714	600,050
Timber	26,615	35,002	526,309	294,297
Tobacco, Cigars, etc.	189	228	3,595	4,759
Wood Manufactures	1,338	1,269	24,524	19,021
Yarns	230	462	5,174	3,987
All Other	39,783	22,828	595,812	500,202
TOTAL VALUE IMPORTS	567,359	447,364	7,473,802	5,849,142
DECREASE	-	119,995	-	1,624,660
Estimated in Australian Currency at approx.	709,000	559,000	9,342,000	7,311,000

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STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Quantities of Principal Articles IMPORTED Oversea (direct) JUNE 1939
and years ended 30th JUNE, 1938 and 1939.

Return No. 3.

Article	Unit of Quant.	June 1939	Years ended 30th June	
			1938	1939
Ale and Beer	gall.	1,190	20,766	21,177
Bags & Sacks--Bran & Chaff	doz.	1,200	36,650	105,123
Corn & Flour	doz.	25,162	1,079,825	882,268
Woolpacks	doz.	14,998	29,819	58,425
Cable and Wire	cwt.	1,393	13,260	10,698
Cigarettes	lb.	307	3,701	4,679
Coal	ton	-	-	14,446
Coffee, raw and kiln dried	lb.	50,852	309,752	409,876
Coke	ton	-	11,484	1,001
Fibres - Flax and Hemp	cwt.	-	14,424	21,925
Kapok	lb.	25,060	268,248	242,250
Fish in tins	lb.	47,057	1,865,419	2,048,061
Fertilisers (Rock Phosphates)	cwt.	339,280	2,887,864	3,070,323
Glass - Plate	sq.ft.	65,087	1,111,540	846,808
Hats - Felt of Fur	doz.	104	522	903
Iron and Steel -				
Bar Rod Girders, etc.	cwt.	206	20,866	9,801
Hoop	cwt.	1,479	32,727	19,164
Plate and Sheet -				
Galvanised	cwt.	-	75,179	4,294
Plain	cwt.	613	486,929	189,386
Wire	cwt.	827	12,219	5,643
Matches	grs. bx	-	14,258	1,750
Motor Chassis	No.	170	4,001	2,842
Motor Cycles	No.	83	1,100	757
Nuts, edible	lb.	32,864	514,024	486,660
Oils, Kerosene	gall.	221,699	9,198,876	6,343,469
Lubricating (mineral)	gall.	120,839	1,966,897	1,379,491
Olive	gall.	256	20,309	10,085
Petroleum spirit	gall.	1,132,485	34,056,786	33,359,622
Turpentine	gall.	9,658	86,326	58,372
Paper, printing	ton	3,611	9,288	13,679
Pipes and Tubes (metal)	cwt.	1,532	43,315	24,445
Pitch, Tar, Bitumen, etc.	cwt.	10	592,416	234,631
Seeds, Linseed	cent.	-	28,253	33,834
Spirits - Whisky	gall.	1,191	20,022	16,720
Sulphur - Brimstone	cwt.	90	344,181	201,080
Tea	lb.	183,690	2,336,908	2,324,183
Timber -Dressed	sup.ft.	8,021	4,061,850	655,802
Undressed (inc.logs)	sup.ft.	7,126,819	92,026,729	60,151,748
Tyres - Pneumatic - Covers	lb.	-	11,415	8,617
Tubes	lb.	-	6,139	1,949

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